

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A filtration system for a floodable compartment having an interior wall between a water inlet and a water outlet, the filtration device comprising:

a filter adapted to be positioned at or near the water outlet to block filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles; and

a strainer that surrounds the filter and comprising a first end to contact the filter and a second end to contact the interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to interact with the filter, the strainer adapted to capture at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet.

22. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the strainer and removable filter are removable from the floodable compartment as a single unit.

23. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the strainer includes a bag.

24. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the first end of the strainer contacts the filter at or near the water outlet.

25. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the strainer includes a holding mechanism coupled at the second end.

26. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the holding mechanism includes a handle.

27. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the second end of the strainer includes a contact mechanism to contact the interior wall of the compartment.

28. (New) A filtration device in accordance with claim 27, wherein the contact mechanism includes an expansion ring.

29. (New) In a filtering system having a filter adapted to be positioned at or near a water outlet of a floodable compartment to block filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles, a straining device comprising:

a strainer adapted to surround the filter and comprising a first end to contact the filter and a second end to contact an interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to interact with the filter, the strainer further adapted to capture at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet.

30. (New) The straining device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the strainer further comprises a bag.

31. (New) The straining device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the strainer further comprises an expansion ring connected to the second end.

32. (New) The straining device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the strainer further comprises a holding mechanism.

33. (New) The straining device in accordance with claim 32, wherein the holding mechanism includes a handle.

34. (New) A filtration system for a floodable compartment having an interior wall between a water inlet and a water outlet, the filtration device comprising:

filtering means for blocking filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles; and

straining means for allowing the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to interact with the filter, and for capturing at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet.

35. (New) A filtration system in accordance with claim 34, wherein the straining means further includes a first end to contact the filtering means and a second end to contact an interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to interact with the filtering means.